

Observance Of Public Schools Week Is Planned

Torrance High School P.T.A. will observe Public Schools Week with an open house at the school on April 29 from 1:30 to 4:00 o'clock.

A program appropriate for the occasion has been arranged as follows:
 Salute to the Flag
 The Star Spangled Banner
 Welcome . . . Miss Helen Jewett Rogers
 Greetings . . . Mrs. A. C. Turner
 P.T.A. president
 Frederick Cook
 Master of the Masonic Lodge
 Musical program . . . Combined choir
 Visitation of classes
 The program will be preceded by a brief business meeting to be conducted by Mrs. Turner,

JAMES K. POLK

President James K. Polk, to date, is the only man who served as Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress to become president.

and at the conclusion of the afternoon's activities tea will be served in the library by members of the executive board. A large attendance of parents and other friends of the school is anticipated.

P.T.A. delegates will attend the State convention in Long Beach April 30, May 1 and 2. The sessions will be conducted in Civic auditorium and the official headquarters is the Hilton Hotel, it is reported.

Students To Be City Officials In Boy's Week

This year's observance of Boys' Week will be April 28-May 2.

On April 28 the officials of the city will have their jobs taken over by Torrance High students as follows: Mayor, Mervin Jarratt; City Judge, Corky Northway; Chief of Police, Ed Findley; Fire Chief, Jay R. Stroh; Torrance Herald Editor, Bill Tolson; City Engineer, Bill Spangler; City Clerk, Ed King; Chamber of Commerce Secretary, Gene Williams.

The following Thursday the boys will take over the administrative offices of the school in the following positions: Mervin Jarratt, Principal; Jay R. Stroh, Boys' Vice Principal; Corky Northway, Counselor; Ed Findley, Registrar. In addition boys will be assigned to teach in various classes for the day.

J. E. Dunaway Candidate For JC Trustee

Jordan E. Dunaway, funeral director who owns mortuaries in Hawthorne and El Segundo, has announced his candidacy for



JORDAN E. DUNAWAY

trustee of the El Camino Junior college for the two year term. Dunaway has been a civic and fraternal leader of Centinela Valley for the past 21 years.

He was co-organizer of the Hawthorne Rotary club, Hawthorne-Lawndale Coordinating Council, Lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and the Hawthorne Welfare Center.

He is past president of the Hawthorne Rotary club, Chamber of Commerce and Coordinating Council. He served three years on the Centinela Valley Union High School Board and was branch chairman of the Red Cross for several years. Past Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows of Hawthorne and has taken an active part in the Boy Scouts for the past 25 years, and was chairman of the Fifth War Loan.

Dunaway is 50 years of age, is married and with his wife and two children reside in Morningstar Park. His son Knox will enter college this fall and his daughter Dea is a Junior in Inglewood high school.

Buy, Wear A Poppy To Help ALA Rehabilitation

"Help and hope is the meaning of the Memorial poppy to those who are paying the human cost of our world war victories," Mrs. Olivia Lee rehabilitation chairman of Bert S. Crossland Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, stated today as the Auxiliary continued preparations for the annual observance of Poppy day, May 23.

"All the money contributed by those who wear poppies in memory of the war dead goes to aid the wars' living victims, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead," she explained. "The dime, quarters and dollars dropped into the contribution boxes of the volunteer poppy workers are the principal source of support for the continuous rehabilitation and child welfare work of the Auxiliary.

"The Government does much for the disabled but the Government cannot do everything. There are many veterans and veterans' families who do not come within the legal provisions for compensation. There are many others whose compensation is too meager to meet their needs. There are many fields of service into which official agencies cannot reach and there the Auxiliary goes with aid made possible by the poppy contributions.

"These are our disabled veterans and dependent families. Their sacrifices were made in our defense. Poppy Day gives us all an opportunity to do something for them ourselves, to help them a little as they pay in suffering and hardships for our war victories. The human cost of war is so unequally divided among us—some paying so bitterly while most of us pay little or nothing. Buying and wearing a poppy shows that we, at least, recognize and are grateful for their sacrifices."

School Board Members Attend Trustee Meet

Members of the Torrance City Board of Education together with Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull and Assistant Superintendent E. W. Ingram, attended the annual meeting of school trustees in Mark Keppel high school, Alhambra, on Saturday, and heard well rounded discussions of school problems.

Included on the program was an address by Dr. Paul R. Mort, professor of education, Columbia University, on the subject of "The Power of Education."

Among other topics discussed were cafeteria management and related problems; financing the public school program, new legislation, personnel problems, rural school problems, school building problems and transportation.

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Dr. C. C. Carpenter, Assistant County Superintendent of

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- 1. Why is there a telephone strike?**
 The Unions made large demands. We could not agree to these demands but offered to extend contracts while bargaining continued. But the Unions refused. We then offered to arbitrate the basic issue, wages. The Unions again refused and went out on strike.
- 2. What are the Unions demanding?**
 They are demanding scores of changes in contracts which would, if granted, amount to an increase of more than \$100,000,000 a year in the cost of telephone service.
 This amount is five times our 1946 earnings.
 It would make our payroll alone larger than all the money we took in last year.
- 3. What do these demands mean to telephone users?**
 The Union demands equal \$45 per year added to each telephone bill . . . a 40 per cent increase in all telephone rates.
- 4. How well are telephone employees paid now?**
 Studies show telephone wages are in line with those paid for other jobs on the coast requiring similar skill and training . . . telephone wage rates now average 58 per cent above the 1941 level. Here are typical examples:
 Operators: Even a girl right out of school starts at a basic rate of \$30 a week while learning—in small towns, \$28 to \$29. Actual earnings are higher due to overtime and premium pay. There are frequent pay raises, too. At the end of the first year, the new operator can be earning over \$1900 a year.
 A supervising operator can earn over \$2700 per year working a 5-day week.
 Plant maintenance men: Actual earnings of many experienced men last year were more than \$5000. The basic rate for inexperienced men is \$34 at the start and scales up to \$72. Overtime and premium pay are in addition.
- 5. What other benefits do employees get?**
 Among other extra advantages are paid vacations up to three weeks, depending on length of service . . . holidays with pay . . . sickness and death benefits . . . pensions . . . good working conditions.
 And telephone work is steady work . . . the kind a person can count on.
- 6. Why can't the Company agree to Union demands?**
 Wages and other costs of service are paid by the people who use the telephone. We can't give blanket agreement to the Unions' huge demands because we cannot justify them to our customers who pay the bill.
- 7. How has the Company tried to end the strike?**
 We wanted to extend the liberal working contracts while bargaining continued. But the Unions refused. We repeatedly offered to submit the wage questions . . . the basic issue . . . to arbitration. But the Unions continue to refuse.
 We have offered the Unions a practical plan to settle the strike . . . a plan that is fair equally to our employees, investors and customers.
- 8. When will the strike be over?**
 We don't know. But we believe that no matter how long the strike lasts, it is in the public interest to face it rather than to capitulate to the Unions' huge demands which would require large increases in telephone rates.
 Meanwhile we will continue to do our best to handle your calls.
 Calls from dial to dial telephones, which make up the bulk of calls in many cities, are completed without interruption. Many calls which require the service of an operator are also being completed.
 Many telephone company people are working days and nights on strenuous shifts to keep service going. They have been joined by many others who put the public interest first. We appreciate this loyalty.
 We wish to thank the public for their helpful cooperation during this troublesome period.

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